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## **DISTRIBUTOR OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SENTENCED**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - John R Steele, 54, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 90 months in prison late Friday, by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to Transporting Child Pornography and Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography. This case was the result of a investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Steele attempted to receive video tapes containing child pornography through the U.S. Mail. Once Steele's actions were discovered, authorities obtained a search warrant for his home and found he had exchanges images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct with others via the internet.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed lifetime years supervised release following Steele's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Steele must submit to computer monitoring and register as a sex offender, among other requirements. Steele was fined \$2500.

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